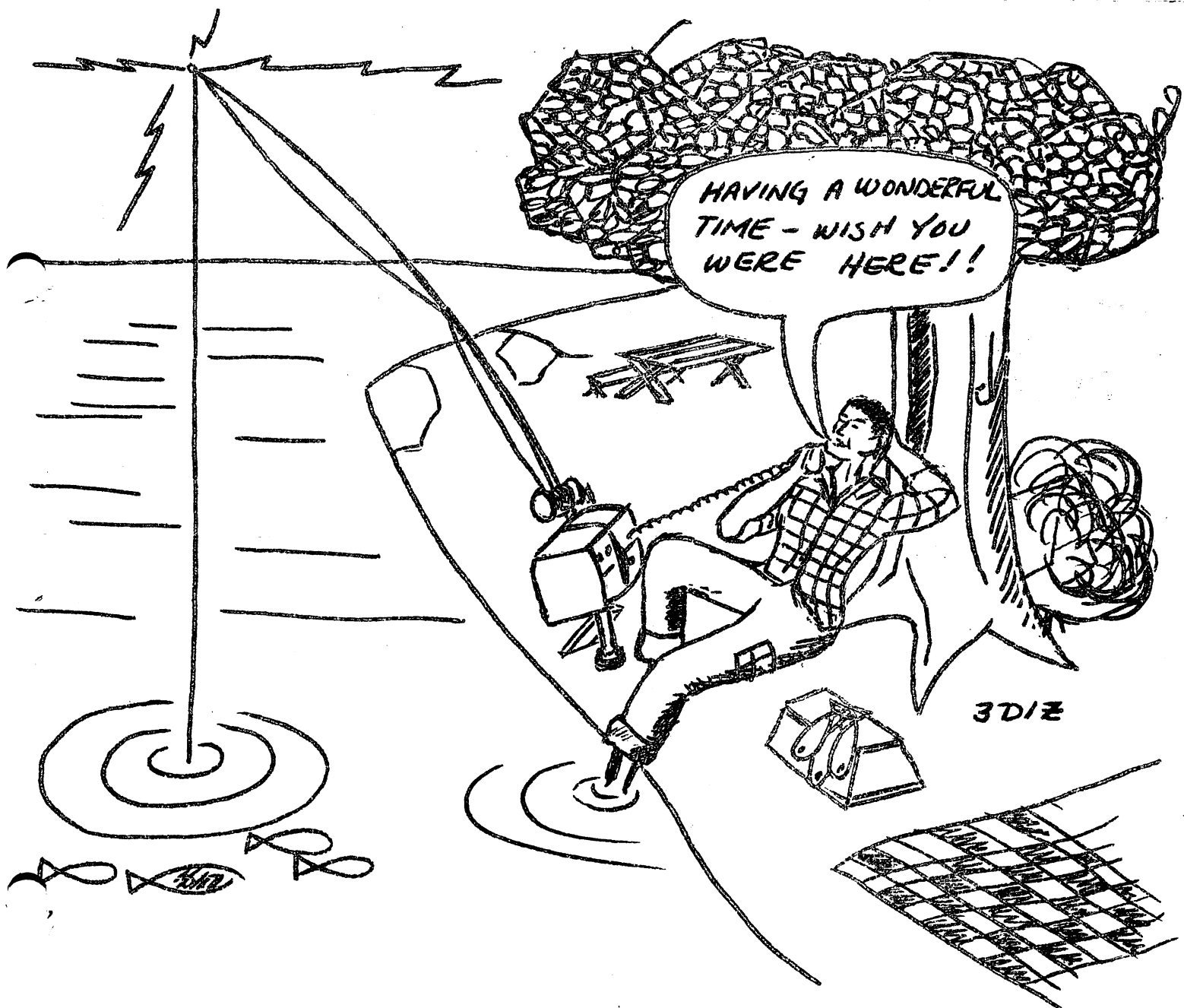




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From the President

"Progress Report on the Blurb Improvement Project"

Well it doesn't seem possible that we have reached the halfway point in the year 1958, but the calendar says so.

Back in January, I made a lot of noise about a "Blurb Improvement Project" and solicited your support in many different ways. With the year half over, I think a Progress Report on the accomplishments of the project is in order.

First of all, I am happy to report that the response to the support solicited has been very gratifying. Donations to provide coffee, cream, and sugar for our monthly meetings total \$35.00 - enough to carry us for the full year.

As to the "Chow", you are all familiar with the participation to date, and other XYL's sympathetic to our cause have agreed to feed us at the next six meetings, and, you will recall that, according to plan, the above donations free the "Chow Kitty" returns for application to improvement of Blurb facilities.

Monthly "Kitty" returns have been recorded and listed:

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| JANUARY | \$12.15 |
| FEBRUARY | 8.84 |
| MARCH | 10.33 |
| APRIL | 6.54 |
| MAY | 13.10 |
| JUNE | 10.07 |

\$61.03 TOTAL TO DATE

This \$61.03 plus an additional \$20.00 received in the form of donations for "Phil-Mont Antenna Service" has all been spent on facilities for improvement of our publication, the Blurb, as indicated:

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| ELECTRIC TYPEWRITER | \$55.00 |
| ADDRESSING MACHINE | 36.05 |
| OTHER ACCESSORIES | 20.83 |

TOTAL 111.88

While you, as readers, may not have noticed much change, you can be sure that the task (which is an understatement) of publishing the Blurb has been made easier. In the midst of all these newspaper strikes, we should all be aware of how important it is to be sure that those who put the paper out are happy.

You may not get a Bulletin, or an Inquirer, but you can be sure that you will get a "B L U R B".

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DEADLINES

Material for the Blurb for W3PXY, and items for the Swap Sheet, for W3WUX, must be received by the 15th. The "Blurb" is mailed the last Thursday of the month.

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MEETINGS

First Monday of the month, at TOWN HALL
Germantown Ave @ Haines St, Phila. @ 2000

NETS & NET FREQUENCIES

Ch 1 - 29493 Kcs. Ch 3 - 27000 - Kcs.
Ch 2 - 29626 Kcs. Ch 4 - 50.7 Mcs.
"Scrambled-Egg Net", Weekdays, 0730-0830
"Ten on Ten Net", Sundays, 1000-1100
Blarney-Sessions, Anytime, Ch 1 or 2
29493 Kcs. is monitored daily 0830-2400
for the benefit of mobiles in Phila. area.

THE LATEST SCOOP.

Well, the time is 3:29 A.M. Sunday morning of field day, sitting over the engine with the typer sitting on the cover. Tis a fine nite with W3MHR holding down the 40 meter position on CW, W3CDY sitting on 75 with not too much response over the wireless. W3NIP is busting a gusset trying to get on 6 meters in the Red Truck. W3DJV Fred just gave up working on ten - Channel 1. W3PKY's houn' dog is tearing around checking all the available posts and sleeping pants legs of which W3QQH is one. The put put almost didn't make it to FD on account of timing troubles and a few other odds and ends that necessitated the lifting of the head 24 hours before the big day. W3LEM and Spence did the honors. Ed as you know is the ignition specialist of the club and commented that ED's regulator must have been adjusted with his left foot. W3VSU is very much in absence - the chow tent has no visitors except a couple of long tail sniffers who are making a haul of all the left overs. The boys are having a tough time finding who has been worked and who hasn't. Part of the logs were forgotten. Transmitting conditions are not very good with high noise levels, aurora and poor skip. The farmer has a confused chicken next door who thinks the battery of lites illuminating the scene is the sun coming up and is crowing his fool head off. The six meter position is now back on the beam with the follow up log that shows we worked one station 4 times. Looks like that gang is as bad at recording stations as we are. You may wonder who has rocks enuf in his head to be pounding a typer in the wee hours of the morning, but you know the ole paper must hit the press since all the down town Phila papers are on strike.-----Later-reporting in to you all- 10:12 A.M. Sunday with a whole crowd in the Red Truck. W3DSG is busy calling in the net with a lot of the swabs on the other end who ought to be out here in the wilderness punching a key. W3QV for instance. W3CCB came out at 2:30 Sat. P.M. and is still here with the crew. The 75 meter band and 40 were pretty poor all nite. The AM showed the usual pickup in activity in the early hours. W3VXN was busy on Mount Penn until his receiver conked out. W3SRU is coming in good from Ocean City on the net. W3OU took over the CW 80 meter position from ye ED and is going hot stuff practicing up for next years contest. End of FD reporting.--- W3AHP had the midway meeting this side of the north pole-about 9 fellows showed up. ---W3LEM showed his new portable icebox rig at the regular meeting, W3KNC had a model Trans. which is about the size of a cookie, W3QZQ demonstrated a VFO he rigged up that operated when had pressure rested on the knob and that feature really got a workout field day on the CW 40 position. Too bad the additions were so bad.--- Keep in mind that Aug 23 clam-bake and even W3QQH promises to be on hand this time. Last year we had about 40 in the crowd and it sure worked up into a fine outing.--- The banquet Nov. 8th has been settled with the Anchorage at City Line bridge as the chosen location.-- A money minded reader suggest we work up a log book and sell them to members. The general idea to photograph an existing log book and put in our own pertinent scoop. --- W3AWH is now radio officer of Upper Merion township. W3CCB is now same at Springfield.---W3QQH--- reports that the Abington Twp. tower situation is stagnant. the politicians are reticent to stick out their necks in view of the large turnout at the hearing. W3CRO has been having the same trouble in his area, but is reported to have the tower in the air. The less said the better.

Additional "Q" signals:

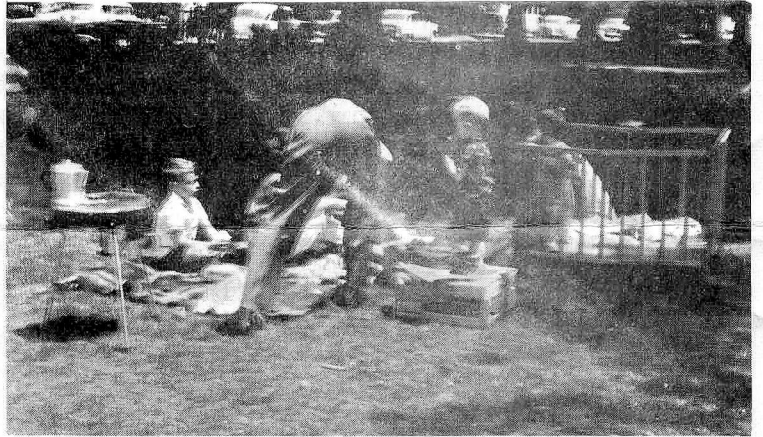
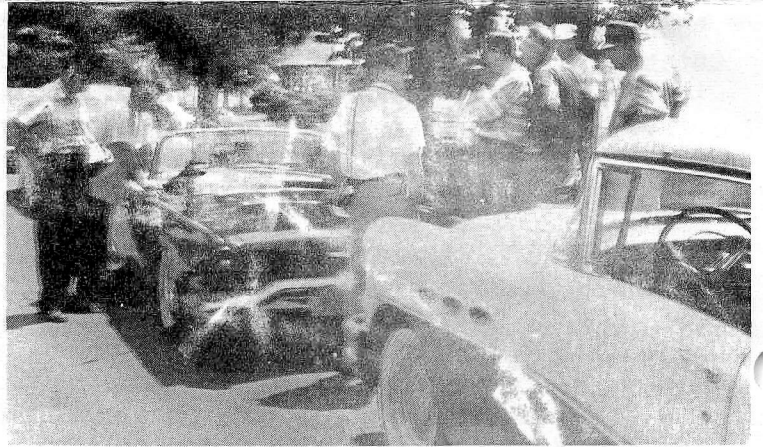
- QUSB -Are you using upper side band?
 -You sound like you are using upper side band.
 QLSB -Are you using lower side band?
 -You sound like you are using lower side band.
 QSSB -Are you using side band?
 -No, I left final plate voltage off.

de W3VWS

Statement of facts:

Powdered graphite, when applied to the tumbler, will remove objectionable key-clicks for most late-night operators.

de W3VWS



Annual Story - from QRM
 Corning Amateur Radio Association

Did you hear the one about the guy in the bar room with the real ferocious lookin' bull dog? He'd been bendin' ears for the better part of a couple o' hours on how tough his dog was and the clientele was gettin' a little tired of it all when a fella came in with a real mangy lookin' yellow mutt. The guy with the bull dog looked 'im over and started belittlin' the fella's yella dog. After this had gone on for a while, the yella dog's owner allowed as how he'd had enuff of the guff and told the bull dog's owner that his yella mutt could clean the bull dog in 30 secs. There was some dispute about this so they turned em both loose.

Sure 'nuff, ten seconds later, the yella dog polished off the bull dog, no sweat. As the bartender was sweepin' up the debris he asked the fella where he got the fightin' fool.

"My buddy sent 'im to me from Africa--he said--All I did was cut the long hair off'n his neck and tail-----"

FD would not be the same without some calamities - this year W3IVD started up the Fairview location drive and the tie rod on his car gave up the ghost and the front wheels on the bus went North and south at the same time.--Mrs. W3PWG brewed up a 5 gallon pot of chili and the fellers were dipping into it all nite and morning. The pot was never allowed to get cool. Spencer put up the 8 element 2 meter beam and really started to knock off contacts with its 15 degree transmitting angle.--W3SGR dug deep down into his trunk and came up with a Dec. 1951 Blurb then known as the TVI Retreat. The officers read like so-Pres. W3QGH, V.P. W3IM, Sec. W3HIP, Treas. OQI, Program W3PKY. The speaker of the evening was W2PAU. Visitors that evening - W3KXK, W3RIZ, W3DOU, W3NKN, W3HEK, W3HUS, W3EPD, W3HYK, W3ITZ, W3HPD, W3FDN, W3HFD. Total membership listed IW, VVS, QGH, OQI, FMD, AAG, KCG, MIP, PLS, QFY, QIS, GIV, NLC, OHY, ITZ, PKY, UQM, GEX, IM, MVC, NIP, FDN, GIF, EJA, DXN, IMG, SCR, KPM, NAG----W3VXN has a neat brochure advertising Every Single Minute.--W3DLJ sent us a picture of several of his girl friends carrying wood for the fire. If we get a picture page together we will print them.---W3FAT made his first mobile contact in the area with Philmont. We hope he will get out to the meetings - work on him a little bit Bob.---W3HFD says thanks to the Blurb for helping to sell all of W3UDQ's gear for Mrs. Martin. The five element wide spaced beam is still available for \$50 (new).---W3VXN has been reported to be returning for dancing lessons frequently - first thing you know he will be taking up the guitar like Sam-Bob. Bill had better hurry up and get that big dream rig before the big day. Congratulations are in order for Bob Riegel and his new bride. We guess he meant he would be on in May 1959---- Ed W3LEM just taught us all another trick. Don't forget when adjusting regulators (in this case a Leece Neville) make sure the final check is made with the cover on. The cover acts as part of the magnetic circuit and influences all settings. The ole master whipped out his tools bent a couple of gadgets and the generator took a new lease on life. It makes a difference when you know what you are doing.---

Official Bulletin from ARRL Headquarters-

NR 656-June 5, 1958--Observations on the signals of the Sputnik now transmitting on 20 Mc are wanted. Interested amateurs are invited to read quote An Opportunity for Amateur Participation in IGY Satellite Program unquote on page 32 of March QST. Instructions and report forms are available from ARRL Headquarters.

NR 654-May 22, 1958--The proposals FCC made in its Docket 12160 to require fewer notices to District Engineers by amateur operating portable or mobile have been adopted and become effective June 24, 1958. The full text is in QST for November 1957 beginning on page 68.

NR 657-June 13, 1958--The FCC notice of December 21, 1950 and as since revised,

SWAP AND SHOP

SALE: 24 foot Alum house trailer-good rubber, burned out interior \$100.00 W3HFD

Viking Mobile tranemitter W/inst Book \$ 55.00 W3ZPP

Freq. Standard (copy of Millen) 1000-100-10 Kc. to 30
megs AC modulation inter. Bwr supply \$ 25.00 W3DOU

3-12V - 250 V - DC vib transformers 75 MA \$ 1.00 @ W3DOU

Johnson Whipload \$ 5.00 W3LKI

2 UHF 152A excellent condition \$ 55.00 W3QQH

1 UHF 152A Good condition less cab. in 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ " rack panel \$ 35.00 W3QQH

10 m. Mobile Rig complete w/cont. head crystal switch-
ing inter. dynamotor whipmount & 20.00 mike built by
W3JLE \$ 50.00 W3QQH

Q Multiplier \$ 10.00 W3QQH

Gonset 3-30 Mc. converter \$ 30.00

Gonset 1.6 - 6 mc. (can be converted) \$ 15.00

Hi-lite 3-el 10M Beam used \$ 15.00

Telerex 2 el 20M Beam new \$ 30.00

5-6v Dynamotors \$ 5.00 @

Simpson Signal Gen. 75kc - 30mc \$ 10.00

10 M converterette like in CQ HB \$ 10.00

10 M converter Home Brew \$ 7.00

3 A Carrier squelch \$ 5.00

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| ARC -5 receivers | 1.5 -3.0 MC | \$ 10.00 | |
| | 3 - 6 MC | 6.00 | |
| | 6 - 9 MC | 4.00 | W3AAG |

SP - 44 Panadaptor- excellent condition with manual \$ 40.00 W3QQH

WANTED _____ used 24" Boys Bicycle W3VVS

The TEK-NI-GRAM page can be written as a construction article page, based on built and tried equipment, or it can be written on ideas and experiences and suggested construction.

This writer has been following the latter approach.

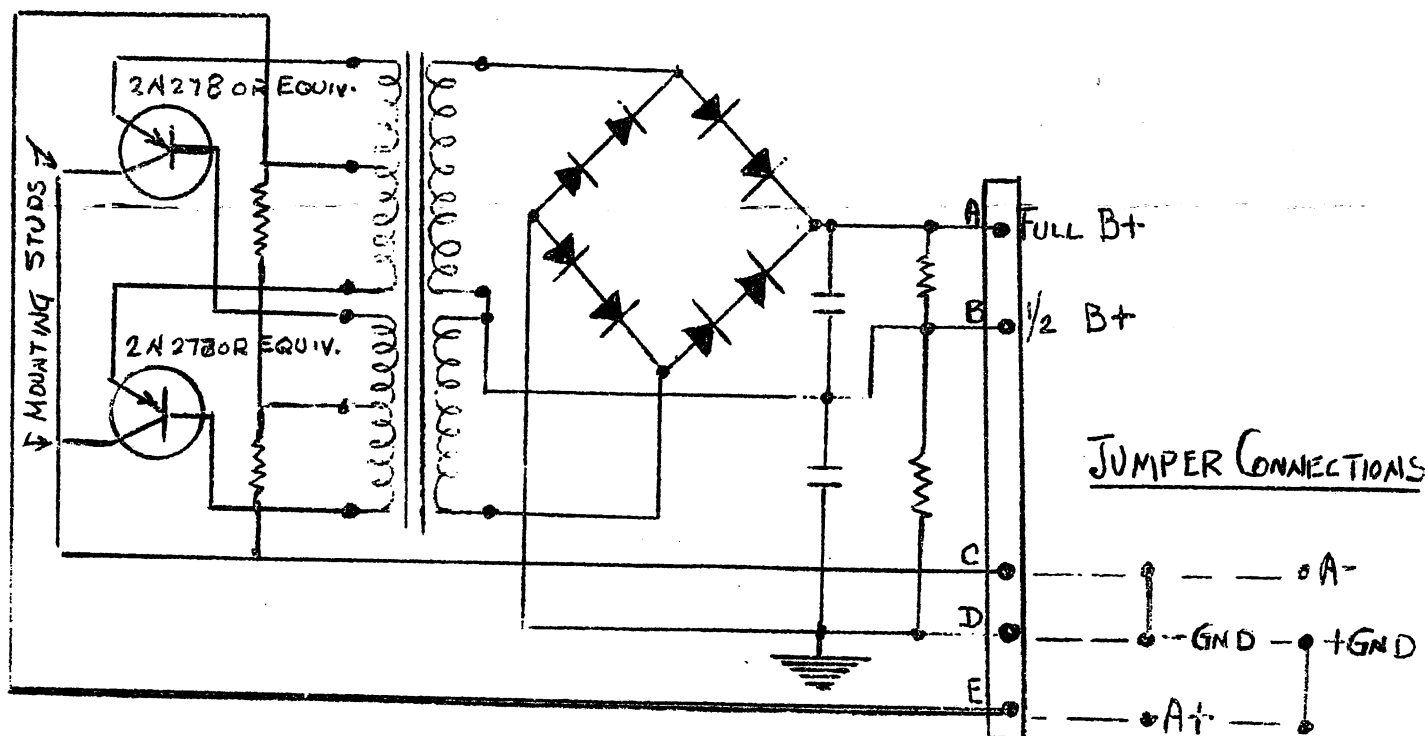
For the page to be of maximum benefit to Philmont, your contributions are very necessary. I have been putting in a plug for transistor power supplies and Class B modulators. I think a transistorized IF strip to go with your converter and maybe INTO it, is of universal need. Also, imagine how we could use a transistorized "TNS" or a speaker PA system for the front of car, with just a couple of transistors and a mike. (W3QQH is building one).

How about a TR switch in the mobile, instead of antenna relay, or VOX instead of hand control?

If Philmonters will write a few notes on their pet projects or ideas, the swap of information on this page could be invaluable.

Don't sell Power Transistors short. Many of their early shortcomings have been rectified.

The following wiring to allow use of either negative ground or positive ground on power supply, may be of interest.



Collector must be INSULTED FROM GROUND, if this switching arrangement is to be used in construction.

in compliance with US Treaty obligations, cautions FCC licensed amateurs not to communicate with stations in Cambodia, Indonesia, Iran and Vietnam. Prefixes to be avoided are F18 XU PK EP EQ XV 3W and YB to YH.

This ED is rather impressed with the fine caliber of work turned out by many of the club rags in the Phila. area. The Scoop is doing a notable job - in fact has well passed up this rag in content. Wal, we can't hold first place forever.

New Members-

W3GOW - Charlie Greenwood works for Pangborne & Co., lives in Devon and is V.P. in charge of engineering. Chas. is active mobile with 40 watts on all bands.

W3FLP - Radio Ralph Gerrick works for an unknown radio company in the Phila. area and lives in Ardmore. Ralph is busy making a mobile rig with Radio Electric Parts, we heard.

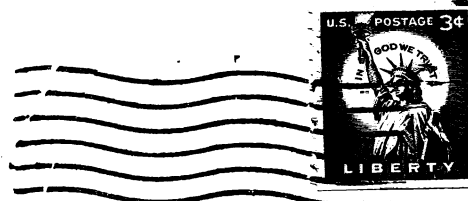
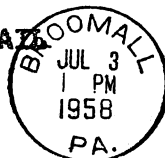
W3BS - Karl Krach works for "another" gas company - The Pres. forbids release of any other names of gas companies than Sun. The name closely approximates the ocean bordering the East coast of the US however. Karl is joining the club for about the third time.

W3QOJ - Ralph Peck works for the Phila Electric as a bldg engineer and lives in Phila. He is active on 10 mobile and several other bands at home.

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